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All Events Are Open To The Public

* Dinner and lunch will be hosted for alumni, majors, concentrators, faculty and special guests of the Latin American Studies Program at Carleton College.

Please RSVP for dinner and/or lunch to Mary Tatge at mtatge@carleton.edu or at 507-222-4252 by April 2, 2010.

For further questions, contact this year’s Foro Latinoamericano organizers Professor Alfred Montero, x4085, amontero@carleton.edu

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Each year, the students, faculty and alumni of the Latin American Studies Program convene to share in an academic experience that brings to the fore and to campus a major topic, event, and country of Latin America. Originally designed as a capstone experience for the students of the program, we have expanded the Foro to include our alumni and the program’s entire faculty in order to give it a truly communal sense. The Foro will also provide the Carleton community at large with the opportunity to participate in a major event involving Latin America.

The 2009-2010 Carleton Foro Latinoamericano focuses on the legacy of neoliberal reform. At this point in the history of the region, the wave of market-oriented reforms that swept Latin America in the wake of the crisis of import-substitution industrialization during the 1980s has consolidated after two decades. This is an excellent point to look back on the record of neoliberal reform and particularly in the context of the region’s most important challenge; alleviating poverty and inequality. Have neoliberal reforms produced improvements in social development? Did social, political, and economic actors in Latin America succeed in converting these reforms into catalyst of growth and greater levels of equity? As this year’s Foro participants will show, the results of the neoliberal agenda have been decidedly mixed.

Program

All events at Athenaeum Gould Library

Friday, April 16

3:00 p.m. Latin Americanists’ at Carleton meet with Foro Speakers and Guests
Alumni Guest House Library

5:30 p.m. “Four Decades of Living on the Edge: The Favelas in Rio de Janeiro.”
Janice Perlman

Reception to follow

Dinner*

Saturday, April 17

9:00 a.m. Coffee and rolls

9:30 a.m. “Politics, Policy, and Mortality Decline in Chile: The Pinochet Paradox.”
James McGuire

10:30 a.m. “Inequality and Extra-parliamentary Politics in an Era of Democracy.”
Moises Arce

11:30 a.m. “Roundtable discussion on the Neoliberal Agenda Reconsidered”
Foro guest speakers, faculty, students

Lunch*

Janice Perlman’s book, FAVELA: Four Decades of Living on the Edge in Rio de Janeiro, has just been published by Oxford University Press. She has received Guggenheim, Fulbright and C. Wright Mills Awards. She is Founder and President of Mega-Cities, a global non-profit sharing urban innovations. She was a professor of City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley and has taught at the Fundacao Getulio Vargas, IBAM and Federal University in Rio de Janeiro.

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